Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ORG provides all India estimate sales and his Ministry is subscribing for ORG and getting the book regularly from the public funds;

(b) if so, what was the sales turnover provided in ORG for the years 1986 and 1987 for Glipizide, Thoridazine, Cephaloridine, Flubiprofen, Oxyedrine Hcl and what sales turnover was taken by Kelkar Committee for these drugs for these years for identification of drugs for category-II;

(c) the names of the drugs which are exempted from price control;

(d) whether his Ministry is monitoring the prices of medicines; and

(e) if so, what were the prices of Clynase, Ildamen, Arflur and Melleril before DPCO, 1987 their present prices and percentage change?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(c) Bulk drugs not enlisted in first and second schedule of DPCO,1987, are exempted from price control.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The required details to the extent available are given in the Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the the formulation	Name of the company	pack size	Earlier Price Rs. P.	Revised price Rs. Ps. (As claimed by the company)	% change
1.	Ildamer 24 mg.	M/s. German Remedies	3x10's	51.72	63.50	22.8
2.	Ildamen 8 mg.	—do—	10 x 10's	70 70	85.50	20.9

Price Fixation of Rifampicin Combination

4577. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 641 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of Rifampicin plus INH combination is over Rs. 12 crores per annum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this medicine is used by the TB patients, the poorest class of society;

(c) the names of non-leader combinations of Rifampicin for which prices have not been fixed as per present MAPE;

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in providing relief to poor people;

(e) whether there is a proposal to get the matter investigated; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Sales turn over of formulations is not monitored.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) Ceiling prices have been notified for these formulations under DPCO, 1987 details of which are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation and strength	Pack size	Ceiling price
1	Rifampicin and INH Caps. (450mg+300mg)	3's	9.00
2	-do-	4's	12.01
3	-do-	10's	30.00

Toxic Chemicals Lying in Union Carbide Premises in Bhopal

@4578. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Post' on the 26th July, 1988 to the effect that dangerous toxic chemicals are still lying in the premises of Union Carbide Factory in Bhopal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for its removal, to avoid untoward incidents?

@Previously Unstarred Question 4241, transferred from the 31st August, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to available information, Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) had been reporting from time to time to the appropriate authority of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the status of materials in storage within its premises in Bhopal. In may 1986, UCIL had reported that no volatile or otherwise unusually hazardous chemicals are left and that the only chemical present in large quantity is Sevidol premix which does not constitute a hazard to anyone.

Keeping in view the fact that the UCIL plant at Bhopal has remained closed for more than three years, an Expert Team has been constituted for ascertaining the present position with reference to the inventory of items lying in the plant. Members of the Expert Team have already visited Bhopal thrice and have checked the list of inventory of all materials given by UCIL as still lying in the premises. The team has given detailed instructions for the removal of these materials from the plant premises. This is being monitored by the appropriate state authorities and representatives of Expert Team are expected to visit Bhopal again to verify the final removal of all these materials.